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14. Talked further with Congressman Lipscomb indicating that I had discussed the situation with the Director and that we had no difficulty with his indicating he had consulted with the Agency although the Director did not wish his letter to be quoted. However, we had no objection to his utilizing the thrust of it to the effect we had rendered intelligence support to the group making the decisions but we had not participated in the decisions. Mr. Lipscomb said he understood and this was satisfactory with him and that he did not intend to offer this but did wish to be in a position to respond if asked. I also pointed out that the Agency did not represent the intelligence community in supporting this decision-making group; rather, it represented the Agency only and that the DOD representative on the policymaking group got his intelligence support directly from the DOD Intelligence Agency. Mr. Lipscomb was very grateful for this point. As to further discussions on East-West trade generally, Mr. Lipscomb said he wanted to go into this in considerable depth including the pros and cons of increasing it. He indicated that this was extremely important to him and he would break any dates and do everything at our convenience to do this. I indicated I would call in a day or two to try to establish a date to see him.

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